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MORE EARTH TREMORS FELT Japanese Death Toll Mounting: 45,000 Homeless

Eyewitnesses' Accounts

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
As rescuers pushed their way into the quake and tidal wave devastated areas of southwestern Japan today the toll of death and ruin continued to mount. The latest United Press tabulation of deaths gives 946. A total of 1,036 has been injured, mostly seriously, and 96 all listed as missing.
At least 45,000 victims are without homes as the second wintry night after the disaster approaches. The tabulation is still far from complete because rescuers in the Wakayama Prefecture, where the major damage apparently was caused by the tidal waves, are making only slow progress due to uprooted communications.

Unofficial estimates continue to give at least 500,000 persons homeless. Property damage reports continue to assume larger proportions and bring the total of buildings demolished beyond repair to 5,947, with 14,000 others mostly suffering less serious damage.

Japanese Home Ministry tabulations up to Sunday noon said 2,335 buildings have been washed away by the tidal waves. Property losses included 2,195 ships either wrecked or swept away beyond recovery by tidal waves, and 1,200 of these are said to be cargo ships. The losses also included 45 acres of valuable salt fields on the northern Shikoku coast.

Kochi Prefecture, where the capital, Kochi city, pulsated at the far end of the deep inlet, bore the brunt of the tidal onslaught, reports a total of 239 fatal victims in addition to a casualty list of 247 injured. Takushima, also on Shikoku Island, reports 161 killed in scattered parts of the prefecture.

Reports trickling in from Wakayama Prefecture, on Honshu, late this afternoon gave 66 dead with the search for bodies slowly progressing.
In Okayama, occupied by the British, there were 62 dead and a reported 87 injured; rescue operations are continuing.

Marooned

So far, no official word is available in Tokyo concerning the safety of six American army personnel reported to be marooned in the devastated town of Shingu, on the southern tip of Wakayama. Previous aerial reconnaissance reports said a large part of Shingu was in flames and that that fire apparently was out of control.

The American military government in Wakayama received a report from the Japanese Wakayama prefectural officials that a boat carrying 40 American military personnel capsized between Osaka and Wakayama. No casualty reports are available.

Earlier it was officially announced that a Navy plane was dropping water purifier tablets for a U.S. military government team and a counter intelligence team stranded near Tanabe and Shingu areas, in Wakayama. Kyoto Prefecture reported a death toll of 50 and a SCAP announcement said a civilian disaster plan has been put into effect in Kobe. Kobe served as one of the first emergency bases from where Allied relief workers headed for the worst hit quake areas.

Eighth Army GHQ, Yokohama, announced today that 13 medical units, each sufficient to take care of 100,000 persons for one month, were en route for the stricken Japanese Takamatsu and Awajishima areas. The Army said another six units were being loaded for relief of quake victims in the Wakayama area.

The Japanese Red Cross reported that four medical teams, consisting of six doctors, and 40 nurses, were en route to Wakayama for relief work, especially in the Shingu area, while large scale plans are under way to prevent an epidemic outbreak.—United Press.

"Obliterated"

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
A great dirty arm of water struck six times at the tiny city of Kainan.

When it finally withdrew there was little in the area but whimpering people looking for lost relatives amid smashed houses.

That is the picture sketched in halting telegraph messages from nearly obliterated Kainan, on the flattened Wakayama peninsula.

Kainan is one of a dozen towns and communities lashed by the tidal wave which was felt by coastal towns as much as 570 miles apart. The wall of water, which some Japanese said was 10 feet high, reached a point 90 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The tidal wave smashed the Kochi area of Southern Shikoku, at least 370 miles west of Shimoda.

Delayed reports yesterday show that it reached even beyond that point. "The town boiled with a dirty whirlpool," said first reports from Kainan in the centre of one of the hardest hit areas.

As the first earth shock struck at 0520 GMT, residents of Kainan fled shivering into the open. Nothing happened for a while, however, so people began returning home.

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No Austerity Xmas In United States

New York, Dec. 21.
A well-fed Santa Claus roaring over this land of plenty in a jet-propelled plastic sleigh, typifies America's second postwar Christmas.

Albanian Reply To Protest

London, Dec. 22.
The Foreign Office announced today that Albania had replied to the British note demanding an explanation of the presence of mines off the Albanian coast which damaged two British destroyers in the Corfu Channel on October 22.

The reply was handed to the British Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Mr. Charles Peake, in Belgrade on Saturday night by the Albanian Charge d'Affaires. Britain does not maintain diplomatic relations with Enver Hoxha's Government in Tirana.

Albania thus replied before the Monday night deadline set by the British after which, Britain had said, she would take the issue to the United Nations Security Council if a satisfactory reply was not received.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the text of the Albanian reply had not yet been received in London and so it was not known whether the answer would be considered satisfactory. The British note, dated December 9, demanded reparations for damage to the two naval vessels and for the lives of the 42 British officers and men killed in the explosions and an assurance that such incidents would not be repeated.—United Press.

NO INTEREST

Hamburg, Dec. 21.
"Russia has so far shown no interest whatsoever in joining the economic fusion of the United States and British zones of Germany," General Joseph McNamara, U.S. Occupation Forces Commander-in-Chief, said in Berlin today. The question of the dissolution of German cartels was still under discussion by the four occupation powers but no agreement had been reached, he said.—Reuter.

Quake Alarm System

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Japanese scientists, working to meet the ever-present threat of new earthquakes, are planning a countrywide system of "earthquake alerts," if they succeed with experiments in foretelling earthquakes.

Tokyo seismologists expect that early next year they will be able to tell in advance when earthquakes are about to occur.

In two seismological experimental stations now under construction research is to be undertaken on natural electric currents beneath the earth. The stations will provide the first facilities in Japan where such electrical research can be made.

It is hoped that earthquakes will be forecast several hours before they occur and experts think that they will be able to say to within a hundred miles, where they will strike.

With today's earthquake, the Japanese islands have suffered 22 in the past 23 years, beginning with the 1923 disaster. On an average, two or three tremors occur each month in Japan.—Reuter.

UNO A Parliament Of Mankind

Pretoria, Dec. 21.
Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, said here today that the United Nations was a sort of Parliament of mankind, in which coloured races were represented in greater number than the white races.

"In a world parliament like this, we cannot expect your views to prevail 100 per cent at even fifty per cent," Marshal Smuts said. "This is one of the problems we have to face, not only in South Africa but in the whole European world."

"For the first time in the history of mankind, we have brought together mankind in one body to work for peace and two thirds of that body are coloured. The other third will have to sit up. They have always been the rulers and they still are. For how long, who knows?"

"The object of this huge setup is to prevent war," Marshal Smuts added.

"In the United Nations you decide by votes and votes go by majorities and the majority is not white."

"I did not go overseas as a party leader, as representative of one section of the people," Marshal Smuts declared. "I went as the representative of the people of the world."

Rescue Operation Abandoned

Rescue operations for survivors of the naval rescue tug "Enticer" which foundered in very heavy seas early on Saturday morning 250 miles south-west of Hong Kong have now been abandoned. Attempts to save the ss. "Rosebank" continue.

Further details of the disaster have now been received, to amplify the first account, which appeared exclusively in the "Sunday Herald" yesterday. The J.C.L.L. ss. "Rosebank," 2,410 tons gross, developed engine trouble on Monday and H.M.S. "Enticer" salved, salvage vessel, was sent to take her in tow. This she did on Tuesday, setting course for Hong Kong with the "Rosebank".

Due to heavy weather and to an engine defect, "King Salvor" reported she was not making any headway and asked for assistance. H.M.S. "Alacrity," escort vessel, and H.M.T. "Enticer" were immediately sailed from Hong Kong, arriving at 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday respectively. In the meantime, the weather had deteriorated. "Enticer" made several attempts to pass a tow, but none were successful.

At 11 p.m., approximately, "Enticer" reported that she was taking in more water than her pumps could cope with and H.M.S. "Alacrity" closed her. The wind was then gusting to gale force with very low visibility and a confused sea.

Fires Doused
Due to the level of the water in the engine room, "Enticer" had to douse her fires and at 3 a.m. on Saturday, she made a signal to "Alacrity" requesting her to send some men over to assist. During all this time the weather was getting worse and "Alacrity" was unable to transfer any personnel. The visibility at this time had closed right down with very heavy rain squalls.

At 4 a.m. "Enticer" could be seen shipping water fast. She was sluggish and listing to port and at 0430 she sank rapidly by the stern.

Rescue operations were commenced forthwith but the rain squalls were very heavy at the time and visibility was down to a minimum. It was impossible to lower any sea boat in the sea that was running.

Of her crew of 5 British officers and 27 Chinese ratings, it is reported that only 3 officers and 8 ratings have been rescued. Full details of survivors and missing will be published when known and when all next of kin have been notified.

Rescue operations which continued until 5.15 p.m. on Saturday have now been discontinued and "Alacrity" is returning to Hong Kong. Attempts to save the ss. "Rosebank" continue.

"BABIES' DISEASE"

Stoke-on-Trent, Dec. 21.
Four newly-born babies reported to have died at the Corporation Maternity Hospital here are believed to be victims of a mysterious "babies' disease," a form of gastro-enteritis which has caused the deaths of babies in other parts of the country.

During the past fortnight deaths have been reported from Leicester, Market Bosworth and Manchester. Other towns say they have had suspected cases.—Reuter.

Accused Accuses His Mistress

Paris, Dec. 21.
Bernardi de Segoyer startled the court which was trying him here today on a charge of murdering his 25-year-old wife, by accusing his alleged girl friend Irene Lebeau of having killed his wife with a revolver.
It was Lebeau's alleged statement that she had witnessed Segoyer strangle his wife while the wife sat in a red arm chair that led to the trial now in its third day. Lebeau is facing charges of aiding and abetting in the murder of Madame Segoyer.

Segoyer dramatically pleaded for his life for over one and a half hours, levelling accusations at his girl friend that she shot the woman she testified seeing him strangle two years ago. Speaking quietly and slowly at first Segoyer's voice became more emotional as he told his version of the crime. Several times his voice broke and finally he ended with tears streaming down his cheeks.

The President of the Court then turned to Lebeau and said: "What have you to say for yourself?"

The dark-haired girl, who had showed no signs of emotion as she listened to Segoyer, stood and said emphatically: "It is false."

Accused Sobs

After she had made a short statement of denial to the court, Segoyer then addressed the court again, pleading to them to believe his version of the crime. At the end of it he sank into a chair sobbing.

The Coroner said the body was so decomposed when he carried out the autopsy he did not notice any bullet wounds and the only way now to reach certain findings would be to exhumate the body and X-ray it. The court decided first to continue hearing the witnesses, whose previous testimony had supported Lebeau's confession implicating Segoyer. The trial will continue tomorrow (Sunday) with the lawyers contesting the two versions of the crime which the troubled jury now face.—Reuter.

Indo-China War Rages Unabated

Paris, Dec. 22.
Brown-skinned Annamite troops threw themselves against French positions throughout northern Indo-China with renewed fury today but the colonial troops so far have been able to maintain their emplacements, an AFP dispatch from Hanoi reported today.

The heaviest fighting was said to be centering in the towns of Bac Ninh and Phu Lang Thung, about 30 miles north of Hanoi, and at Nam Dinh, 45 miles south of Hanoi.

The news dispatch said the French troops were holding their own at all three points.

French casualties in Hanoi were placed by AFP at 50 killed and 160 wounded. In addition "a certain number" of European and Eurasian civilians were killed or missing.

The Viet Nam forces cut the road from Hanoi to Haiphong at several places during the last 48 hours, hampering the movement of French troops and supplies.

The AFP dispatch said fighting had not yet begun at Tourane, which has been surrounded by Viet Nam troops according to Saturday's official communiqué on the violence in Indo-China.

Tourane

Efforts of the French authorities to maintain liaison with the Viet Nam forces at Tourane were reported to have failed because the authorities could not locate the insurgent liaison officers. The French news agency dispatch speculated whether the Viet Nam high command had hesitated to attack because of the strong concentration of French troops in Tourane and French warships in the port.

The situation at Hue was not clarified by the dispatch except to the extent that looting among the civilian population there had been reported.

An official communiqué said yesterday that violent fighting had rocked Hue since Friday and that ferocious Viet Nam attacks under cover of mortar fire were repulsed on Friday night.—United Press.

Ultimatum

Paris, Dec. 22.
A surrender ultimatum from the Viet Nam forces, will be accepted by the French Military authorities at Vinh on the coast of Annam "to avoid the massacre of the French population," according to the military commander-in-chief of Indo-China, General Morlier.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER
An intense anticyclone is stationary over Mongolia, China and the neighbouring Seas. A depression is moving eastwards across N. Japan. Pressure remains low over the East Indies.

To-day's forecast: Fresh N.E. winds; fair, continuing rather cold.

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 61.8 deg. Fah. Minimum: 51.6 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 84 per cent. Sunshine: 12 hours. Rainfall: Nil.

Drive On River Pirates

New York, Dec. 21.
Specially trained armed squads of police, soldiers and Customs men have been formed to rid New York of "river pirates," hi-jackers and petty thieves responsible for dock thefts totalling \$1,000,000 a year.

The squads will patrol the streets in Brooklyn's waterfront and dock area in high-powered cars. They will be equipped with carbines, rifles, "walkie-talkie" radio sets, field-glasses, tear-gas bombs and powerful floodlights.

Other detachments will operate in fast launches on the river.

"The police say that the river 'pirates,' who use fast motor-boats and work in the pre-dawn hours, are believed to work in conjunction with watchmen and dockers.—Reuter.

Stalin Health Rumour Laid To Rest

Moscow, Dec. 22.
Elliott Roosevelt was granted a birthday interview with Joseph Stalin today and reported that the Generalissimo appeared in good health and fine spirits.

Roosevelt, who was accompanied at the interview by his wife, the former Faya Emerson of the movies, said that Stalin had just returned from a vacation and looked surprisingly well for a man who was observing his 67th birthday.

The late President's son said he and his wife would leave Moscow by plane Sunday for Paris, thence to Ireland, en route to the United States to be with his mother Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for Christmas.

Roosevelt did not reveal the subject of his interview with Stalin which incidentally was the first granted by Stalin to any foreign correspondent in many years. He said he would write about it in Look magazine when he got home but was emphatic in reporting how well Stalin looked.

Roosevelt appeared greatly impressed after the interview. His wife also was impressed by the force of the generalissimo's personality, she said. She explained she was merely "a very fortunate wife" with nothing to say beyond confirming what her husband said about how well Stalin looked.

"I have had a great experience in Russia," Elliott said, "and I will certainly want to come back."—Associated Press.

"There are some followers of Smuts in his attitude to democracy in the United States, too. Their refusal to admit the Democracy of the Soviet system is in reality only a reflection of the limitations of the Western Democracy."

"No Soviet citizens advocate world domination or show any desire to force their will on other nations. Can the same thing be said for democracy in the United States?"

"There is one kind of democracy here and another elsewhere," he concluded.—Reuter.

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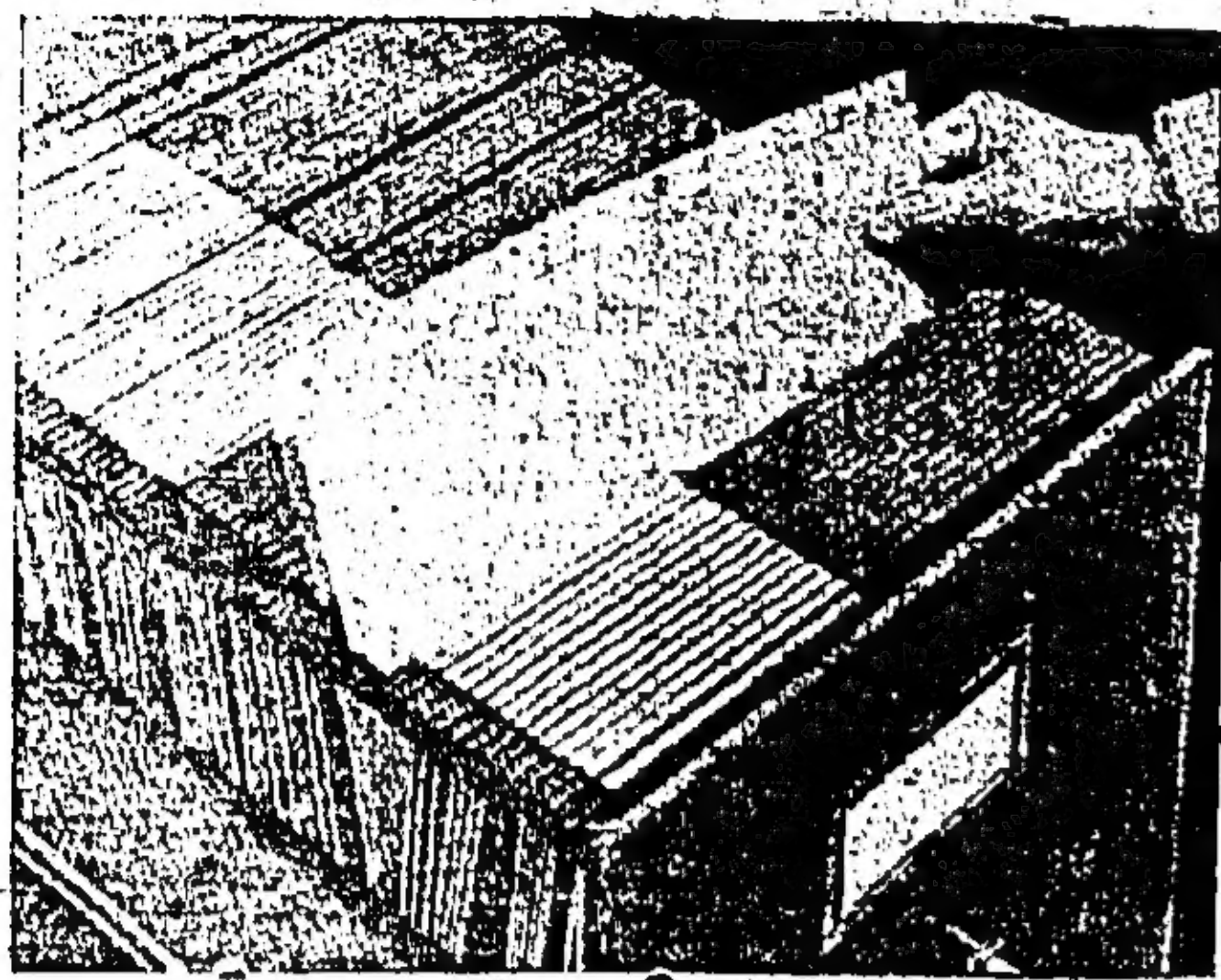
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U.S. Stand On Burma

Washington, Dec. 21. A statement issued by the State Department today says that the United States welcomes Prime Minister Attlee's invitation to the Burmese to negotiate on the question of Burmese independence.

The statement says that it hopes that the talks "will result in further progress towards agreement on the goal of full self-government."

The statement adds: "The United States has many good friends in Burma, including those who gave valuable assistance to our troops in the Burma campaign against the Japanese."

"The State Department welcomes Mr. Attlee's invitation to Burmese political leaders to go to London to discuss Burma's political future," a State Department spokesman declared during a press conference.

Recalling that the British gave to the Burmese leaders "important and responsible posts" in the Burma Government last October, the spokesman added: "It is our confident hope that the London talks will result in further progress towards the agreed goal of full self-government for that important Asiatic country."

Restaurants Dispute

The owners of cafes and establishments serving European style meals and light refreshment will bring their dispute with their employees before the Labour Officer today, according to a decision reached by the owners on Saturday.

The dispute arose from the men's recent demand for the payment of five percent of the daily takings to them to supplement their pay. This practice already exists with the Chinese restaurants and tea-houses. The cafe owners, however, insist that they could not afford to do likewise as their business had dropped 60 percent in recent months. They offered the men instead a wage increase of 10 percent but this was flatly rejected.

LINER HELD UP.

Southampton, Dec. 21. The French liner Ile de France, which reached Southampton from New York this morning was unable to leave for Cherbourg tonight because of fog.

Atomic Control Plan Running Into Snags

Lake Success, Dec. 21. Members of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission today appeared to be nearing a new dispute over the principles underlying the United States plan for atomic control.

The argument—based on differences between the United States and Canada—is expected to break out when the 12-nation Atomic Energy Commission meets on Dec. 27 as a committee of the whole.

At that time the Commission—on orders it wrote for itself—will: 1. consider how to write into the forthcoming report principles on which the United States plan was based; 2. tell the United Nations Security Council that its forthcoming negotiations on atomic control machinery must be ruled by those principles.

United States spokesmen, reportedly supported by the majority of the 12 delegates, made clear that they interpret this to mean the Commission has accepted the entire United States plan.

Canada has served notice that it will fight the United States interpretation of the Commission's decision.

Veto Snag
It may be recalled that the Canadian compromise resolution was adopted 10-0—with Russia refusing to vote and Poland abstaining.

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	1938	1941	1946	1st 1/2 year	3rd Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.
Foodstuffs	100	155.4	768.0	694.1	639.3	627.7	
Textiles	100	128.1	974.4	855.2	819.1	822.8	
Metals & Minerals	100	180.2	308.2	208.1	270.5	325.9	
Miscellaneous	100	168.9	718.9	486.1	497.3	478.0	

	1938	1941	1946	1st 1/2 year	3rd Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.
Beans	100	108.8	1,068.9	925.3	625.6	610.0	
Beef	100	128.1	974.4	855.2	819.1	822.8	
Eggs	100	110.0	974.4	855.2	819.1	822.8	
Flour (wheat)	100	160.6	413.9	384.1	394.1	394.1	
Salmon	100	140.0	340.7	303.9	371.3	302.0	
Fruits (fresh)	100	192.6	554.2	593.7	414.5	310.5	
Lard	100	162.7	802.7	504.5	592.8	609.8	
Milk (condensed)	100	165.9	201.3	184.9	204.1	211.7	
Mutton	100	129.3	268.3	268.3	243.9	243.9	
Onions	100	132.8	878.6	609.7	678.6	758.0	
Peanut Oil	100	145.2	1,043.6	929.0	795.5	855.9	
Pork	100	150.0	600.0	500.0	600.0	600.0	
Potatoes	100	163.7	642.2	592.9	689.0	694.8	
Poultry	100	208.3	751.2	737.7	451.0	486.9	
Rice (broken)	100	197.0	Nil	541.3	Nil	Nil	
Rice (white)	100	173.4	889.5	1,034.4	881.3	863.9	
Sugar	100	128.5	1,582.6	1,364.9	1,352.9	1,320.1	
Vegetables (dried, etc.)	100	146.5	621.6	752.5	614.1	717.4	
Vermicelli	100	160.0	1,750.0	1,285.5	998.8	825.8	
Average	100	155.4	768.0	694.1	639.3	627.7	

* Index number for Australian meat only (1st 1/2 year, 3rd

Quarter, October and November, 1946).

	1938	1941	1946	1st 1/2 year	3rd Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.
Cotton Yarn	100	113.8	1,524.6	1,203.1	1,204.6	1,227.7	
Cotton (dyed, plain)	100	111.3	1,559.0	1,584.4	1,022.7	1,000.0	
Italians (dyed, pl.)	100	119.4	988.9	1,275.0	472.2	Nil	
Shirtings White	100	104.6	2,507.1	381.3	463.2	487.1	
Hemp (Manila)	100	127.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Gunny Bags	100	214.3	489.3	451.2	463.6	639.3	
Heaven Cloth	100	180.0	446.7	2,400.0	406.7	Nil	
Silk Piece Goods	100	115.5	593.6	805.4	498.9	566.8	
Silk Yarn (artificial)	100	172.4	223.5	410.2	Nil	Nil	
Blankets (wool union)	100	167.8	323.9	189.6	189.9	345.6	
Flannels	100	93.5	186.6	317.2	357.3	326.0	
Suitings & Tweeds	100	128.5	473.1	455.9	394.2	399.2	
(woollen)	100	138.3	818.8	819.1	546.9	622.8	
Average	100	128.5	473.1	455.9	394.2	399.2	

Metals and Minerals

	1938	1941	1946	1st 1/2 year	3rd Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.
Brass/Sheet	100	187.0	Nil	206.3	254.1	Nil	
Yellow Metal Sheathing	100	174.8	226.9	240.8	238.5	241.5	
Coal	100	250.4	509.7	491.8	428.4	754.1	
Iron & Steel Bars	100	135.1	231.2	197.4	212.0	185.6	
Iron & Steel Plates	100	144.3	302.5	327.0	372.6	397.4	
Lead (pig)	100	138.4	212.7	194.4	405.8	252.9	
Lead (cast)	100	146.9	459.3	300.5	Nil	Nil	
Kerosene	100	186.7	394.3	373.8	191.4	428.3	
Oil, Fuel	100	140.5	Nil	146.6	Nil	Nil	
Lubricating Oil	100	148.7	203.8	268.7	258.2	240.7	
Petrol	100	98.7	206.6	167.5	176.3	236.5	
Tin	100	168.1	245.7	202.7	169.2	255.7	
Average	100	160.2	308.2	268.1	270.6	325.9	

Miscellaneous

	1938	1941	1946	1st 1/2 year	3rd Qtr.	Oct.	Nov.
Cement	100	234.9	429.6	378.6	454.5	305.3	
Charcoal	100	256.4	638.2	787.1	724.9	643.1	
Feather (ducks)	100	120.0	336.9	267.0	303.7	270.4	
Hardwood	100	223.2	737.9	802.5	633.7	644.2	
Hide (cow)	100	127.7	2,453.8	707.2	1,553.1	780.8	
Hide (buffalo)	100	95.4	308.1	277.6	273.0	326.3	
Leather (sole)	100	139.7	303.0	266.6	477.8	474.8	
Paper (Chinese)	100	116.0	443.4	388.4	503.1	355.2	
Rattans	100	128.2	1,086.8	629.3	730.8	557.6	
Saltpetre	100	201.1	915.0	715.1	329.7	167.5	
Softwoods	100	188.7	409.3	303.0	259.8	368.0	
Soda Ash	100	230.3	338.5	642.4	295.4	1,038.2	
Sulphuric Acid	100	142.5	323.9	322.5	895.9	252.6	
Sulphate of Ammonia	100	213.9	1,720.4	230.0	237.0	406.8	
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Indian Community Entertains Maharajah

(By Margaret Bradbury)

More than 400 civilian and military guests met in the Gloucester Hotel yesterday evening at a cocktail party given by the Indian community in honour of His Highness the Maharajah of Jodhpur, who arrived here on Tuesday.

The Maharajah, who is paying a first visit to Hong Kong at the invitation of the Indian Government, will lunch today on board the aircraft carrier "Glory". His programme over Christmas will include a private supper dance at the Peninsula Hotel where he is staying.

The Maharajah's Personal Assistant told me last night:—"His Highness thinks Hong Kong is one of the loveliest places he has visited and is most impressed by the Colony's rehabilitation efforts."

Since he arrived here, the Maharajah stayed for three nights in Government House and on Friday night he stayed at Air House as guest of the A.O.C.

Amongst those present at the cocktail party last night were members of the Legislative Council, Mr. and Mrs. Ruttonjee, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie and representatives of Indian military contingents in the Colony.

CHINESE HOLIDAY

An atmosphere of prewar gaiety and lavishness returned to the Colony yesterday as the Chinese populace celebrated the Winter Solstice, one of the four big festivals of the year, in traditional style.

Every household was a bustle of activity as housewives in pursuance of age old custom made traditional offerings of food, wine and fresh fruits to the gods and to the family ancestors. Prices of meat, poultry and fruit in consequence shot up overnight. In the evening every household held its reunion dinner, where the offerings to the gods and ancestors were heartily devoured.

For business houses and shops the day was not all gaiety because it was debt settlement day; and more than one taipan or shopkeeper must have scratched his head in anxiety to find means of lifting over the settlement.

Superstition has it that the day must be bitterly cold if the ensuing twelve months are to be months of plenty and prosperity. The nip in the air yesterday was therefore a good omen, and it undoubtedly added zest to the celebration.

PRESS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Dec. 21. Senator James Murray announced today that the Senate's Small Business Committee, of which he is the chairman, will begin investigation on Jan. 7 of "the rapid growth and concentration of newspaper ownership by chains and individuals."

The committee hoped to discover what the Government or Congress would do to keep the small independently owned newspaper alive and independent, he said.—Reuter.

B.O.A.C. PLANE DELAYED

London, Dec. 22. The Hongkong-bound BOAC aircraft was among those held up until tomorrow at Poole, Dorset, today. Other services affected were the London to Calcutta, Cairo and New York.—Reuter.

The Right Rev. N. V. Halward will address the Rotary Club of Hong Kong on "Christmas Cheer" at tomorrow's meeting at the Gloucester Hotel at 12.30 p.m.

"JANE"



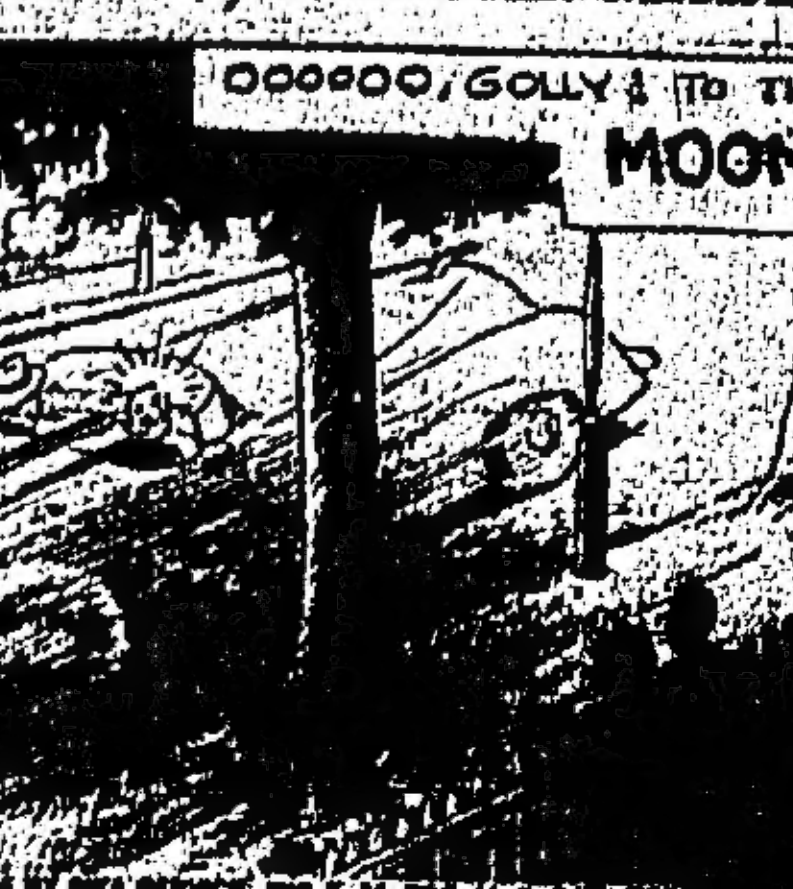
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"Xmas Crackers" At The Star

A wide variety of talent will be appearing at the C.S.E. Star Theatre, Kowloon starting today in the latest C.S.E. production "Xmas Crackers."

The show will feature two bands—Jimmy Pickard and his Chinese Syncopators, and the Swing Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment—with widely contrasting styles. The first will have the swaying rhythms of the South Sea Islands as well as many original presentations of modern popular songs, while the tastes of the swing addicts will be catered for by the 12-piece swing section of the full West Yorkshire Regiment Orchestra, playing modern American "hot" music in the Glenn Miller manner.

As the featured novelty attraction, Jimmy Pickard's Chinese Syncopators are a combination of mandolins, mando-cellos, bass viol, and the Hawaiian guitar in something new and refreshing in modern swing on strings.

The Syncopators have established themselves wherever there is a variety stage, and are known throughout Britain, Europe and America. The title and character of the band originated in San Francisco in 1923, and since then has toured the world, and have been entertaining troops in the Middle East, India and the Far East since 1943.

The West Yorkshire Regiment band is well known to troops in the Colony for its work in Sunday concerts in England, and also for dances both in the U.K. and in Hong Kong during the last month.

Marie Erleigh
Marie Erleigh, the soprano of the show, was once described by the famous West End producer Sir Oswald Stoll, as "the only soprano who could put glamour into straight singing."

A newcomer to Hong Kong, Miss Erleigh enjoys the distinction of being the only singer specially brought out to the Far East to entertain the troops. She is well known on the English and Continental variety stage, and has toured with such notables as Richard Truber, Albert Sandier and Gerald.

Giving up variety, Miss Erleigh went into musical comedy and concert work, which she left to come out to the Far East.

Otto Forman
Classical music fans will be given another chance to hear Otto Forman, whose appearance with "The Bohemians" in August of this year met with such success.

A student of Prague Conservatory, Mr. Forman was previously three years in a Java concentration camp during the war and has been entertaining the troops since his release from captivity.

The composer of the show, Rne Hammond, is also a sleight of hand artist who won wide reputation in provincial theatres in the north before he joined the Army, when he ran a magical revue and also appeared with several well known variety artists.

For the last two years he has been entertaining troops and he is perhaps the only Englishman to perform for Indian troops, speaking his " patter " in Urdu, to the satisfaction of his audience.

Full Scale Civil War

Peiping, Dec. 22.
After weeks of political discussion, Chinese Government and Communist leaders declared yesterday that full scale resumption of the civil war was imminent.

General Li Tsung-jen, Director of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Peiping headquarters, said that Government armies would resume the offensive if the Communists continue to disregard the Generalissimo's cease fire order.

In Yenan, General Chou En-lai, Chief Communist negotiator, told the Associated Press that the Communists will launch an all out strategic offensive if the Government persists in its refusal to follow the democratic lines established by the inter-Party conference last January and fails to return troops to their Jan. 13 positions.—Associated Press.

"Stand Firm" To Indians
New York, Dec. 21.
A dramatic appeal to Indians in South Africa to "stand firm for the ideals for which you have made so much sacrifice" is contained in a message by A. M. Desmukh, High Commissioner in South Africa—who is here as delegate to the United Nations—to Ahmed Ismail, President of the South African Indian Congress in Cape Town.

The message was handed by Mr. Desmukh to Mr. P. K. Pather, a member of the South African Indian Congress on the eve of his return to South Africa.

Mr. Pather, with his two South African Indian Congress colleagues—Mr. K. J. and A. Christopher—will visit Washington tomorrow for interviews with United States Government officials before leaving for South Africa.—Reuter.

JAVA INCIDENT
Batavia, Dec. 21.
The attention of Lord Killearn, the British Special Commissioner in the Far East has been called to incidents at Buitenzorg, Java, in which Dutch troops were reported to have taken over the Indonesian radio station and occupied the Town Hall, according to the Indonesian News Agency.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 21.
The Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, has appointed Lieutenant-General Mark Clark, American commanding general in Austria, as his deputy at the London meeting of Deputy Foreign Ministers in January, which will begin work on the Austrian peace treaty.—Reuter.

THE NEW ASIATIC CHEMICAL WORKS (HONGKONG) LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd., will be held at the Mezz. Exchange Buildings, Hongkong, on the 18th day of January 1947, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the proposed Resolutions will be proposed by Special Resolutions.

1. "That Article 75 of the Company's Articles of Association be deleted and the following Article substituted therefor: 'The Board of Directors shall appoint one or more than one of its Members to be the Managing Director of the Company upon such terms and for such period as the Board may from time to time determine.'"

2. "That the following words be added at the end of Article 112 or by advertisement in one English and one Chinese newspaper circulating in the Colony of Hongkong."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Mezz. Exchange Buildings, Hongkong, on the 18th day of January 1947, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of accounts for the period from 1st January 1946 to 31st December 1946, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

Dated the 22nd day of December, 1946.
By Order of the Board.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Members will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd. on MONDAY, 30th December, at 6.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:
1. Election of Committee.
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Tenders should be clearly marked "Tenders for"

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	GODOWN	REMARKS (IF ANY)
1	1 Keg	Wire Nails	China Provident	
2	1 Drum	Cable	China Provident	
3	2 Boxes	Thin Plate	China Provident	
4	1 Crate	Freddie Printing Machine	Sui Bun For 1	
5	1 Crate	Wheels & Pulleys	China Provident	
6	1 Case	Electric Bulbs	China Provident	
7	2 Cases	Machinery Parts for Water Softener System	China Provident	
8	1 Piece	Electric Generator	China Provident	
9	3 Cases	Torchlights	Sui Bun For 3	
10	1 Pkg.	Ships Transmitting Set	China Provident	
11	1 Pkg.	Bounding Machine	China Provident	
12	1 Case	Cylindrical Tank	China Provident	
13	1 Case	Three Stage Compressor	China Provident	
14	18 Case	Torchlight Holders	Wing On	
15	451 Bds.	Newsprint	China Provident	
16	70 Bds.	Mat Bags	Sui Bun For 1	
17	14 Cases	Sandalwood	China Provident	
18	61 Bds.	Template	China Provident	
19	220 Bds.	Template	China Provident	
20	62 Bds.	Template	China Provident	
21	332 Bales	Straw Braid	Sui Bun For	
22	49 Bales	Straw Ribbons	China Provident	
23	21 Cases	Enamel Ware	China Provident	

Inspection permits will be issued to prospective purchasers by the Disposals (Tenders) Branch of the Custodian of Property Office, Windsor House on application.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender and reserves the right to accept all or any part of each tender.

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Hong Kong, 24th December, 1946.

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The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction

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The above-mentioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on the 21st and 23rd December, 1946, between 10 a.m. and Noon, and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Notification No. 22.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st Dec., 1946.

PROTECTED PLACES (SAFETY) ORDINANCE, 1946.

1. Certain areas, vital to the interests of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, have been declared by Gazette Notifications 855 of 6th Dec. 1946 to be Protected Places.

2. These areas, which are shown on the attached list, with the exception of the Dockyards at Hong Kong, Kowloon and Aberdeen, Stonecutters Island and Kai Tak Aerodrome, are enclosed by either fences, walls or wire. In the case of Hong Kong, Kowloon, and Aberdeen Dockyards, Stonecutters Island and Kai Tak Aerodrome, these areas are also enclosed by either fences, walls or wire other than that part of the perimeter which is bounded by the foreshore. In such cases, the limit of this protected area to seaward lies, in the case of

(a) Hong Kong Dockyard — 100 yards to seaward of dock side
(b) Aberdeen Dockyard — Dock side
(c) Kowloon Dockyard — Dock side
(d) Stonecutters Island — 200 yards seaward in all directions from the high-water level mark on the foreshore.

(e) Kai Tak Aerodrome — 1000 yards to seaward of the high-water mark on the foreshore.

3. Boards, with the following words painted white on a black background are displayed at all entrances and exits and other prominent places round the perimeter of these areas.

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THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED THAT SEVERITIES WILL BE OPENED ON PERSONS FOUND IN THIS AREA WHO FAIL TO HALT WHEN CHALLENGED AND/OR RESIST ARREST.

PROTECTED PLACES (SAFETY) ORDINANCE, 1946.

4. The notice will be printed in English, Chinese and Urdu.

5. Sentries are posted at the entrance and exits of these areas, and also patrol the perimeter.

6. These sentries and patrols have instructions to prevent theft or unauthorized entry into these areas. They have instructions to shoot at:—

(a) Any person who is believed to be entering or leaving the area and fails to halt when challenged.
(b) Any person who is believed to be in the act of breaking into such an area.
(c) Any person who is believed to have stolen, or is attempting to steal property, from such an area.
(d) Any person forming a group of three or more persons engaged in throwing stones or other articles at a guard or sentry, which, if reasonably to be supposed, might cause grievous bodily harm to the sentry.

7. Before shooting, the sentry will always challenge the person or persons suspected in para 6 (a), (b), (c) or (d) above.

8. The method of challenge used will be that the sentry, guard or patrol will call upon the person suspected in paragraph 6 (a), (b), (c) or (d) above to halt. If necessary, the sentry, guard or patrol will shoot.

9. It is possible that the person or persons challenged will not understand what the sentry, guard or patrol is shouting due to language difficulties. The Public are accordingly advised to stand still should they hear a sentry, guard or patrol shout in their vicinity, and permit the sentry, guard or patrol to advance towards them and interrogate.

10. Notification will be made in the Press when these instructions will come into effect.

Installations, Areas Etc. Recommended To Be Declared Prohibited Areas Or Protected Places.

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2.	ABERDEEN Dockyard (until derequisition)	Area bounded by ISLAND Road, TUNGSHIN Street and WU NAM Street.
3.	KOWLOON Dockyard	Area bounded by NAVY Street, CANTON Road and JORDAN Road.
4.	H.M.S. NABCATCHEE	Triangular area due EAST of KAI TAK Road bounded by lines drawn 800 feet from either runway.
5.	STONECUTTERS ISLAND	Position 11° 07' — 22° 19' — 38°
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8.	VICTORIA Barracks	Upper & Lower Magazines.
9.	LYEMUN Magazine	Administrative Area.
10.	SHAM SHUI PO	Area bounded by KIU KIANG Street
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13.	SHAM SHUI PO	UNG CHAU Street
14.	SHAM SHUI PO	Opposite Wellington Bks.
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Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1946.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at The Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 30th December, 1946, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors to receive the Report of the General Managers together with Statements of Accounts for the periods 1st November, 1940 to 31st December, 1941, and from 1st January, 1942 to 31st August, 1945 also to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1946.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, 31st December, 1946, at NOON for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Reports together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and for the period 1st January, 1946 to 31st December, 1946.

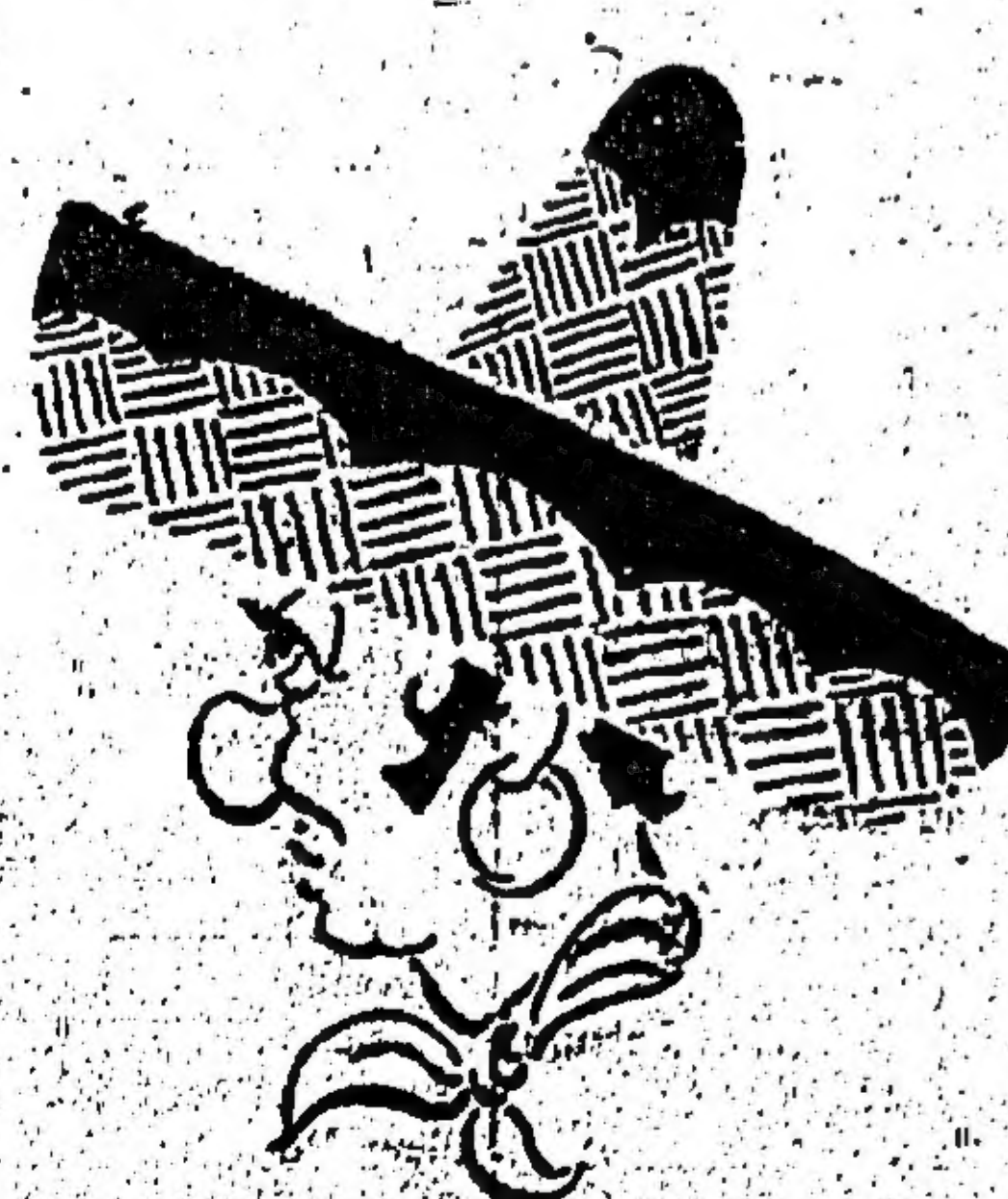
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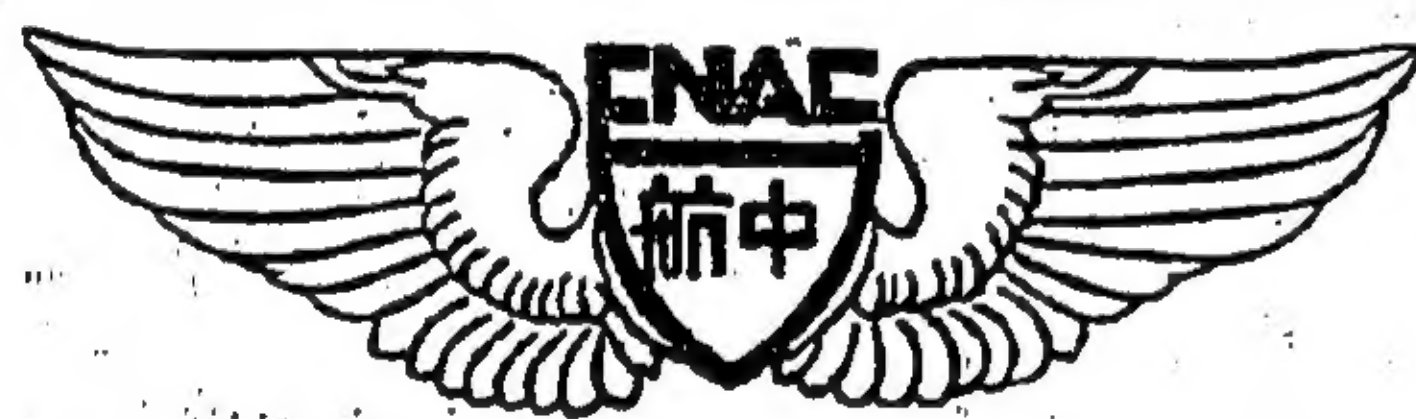
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THE GERMANS

Further trials of prominent Nazis are now being held. The men are accused of definite crimes of violence, and the prosecution will not have to base its case on legislation specially formulated for the charges, as was done at Nuremberg. It is right and proper that proved criminals of the Nazi party should be punished; but that is a very different matter from the present short-sighted and defeatist British and American policy of barring from any position any German who ever was a member of the party. During the time the Nazis were in power it was impossible for a German citizen to make a success of his life without joining the party. As a result, there are thousands of intelligent and reliable people in Germany today whose names appear on the record and who are prohibited from doing any responsible work toward the resettlement of their country. "Denazification" is an ugly word used to describe an ugly process. A mass witch-hunt is going on in Germany, and it is largely a hangover from wartime propaganda. The point of view that all Nazis are irredeemable criminals is not only stupidly prejudiced, but utterly contrary to the teachings of Christianity. The whole Christian faith is based on the idea that no man, however wicked, is irredeemable. The present policy of Britain and the United States is directly contrary to that teaching.

In this respect, the Russians are showing a more enlightened and more reasonable approach. Many well-known Nazis are employed in the Russian zone of Germany on jobs of importance and responsibility. Some of them had previously been dismissed from jobs in the British or American zones. To deny the possibility of the redemption of the German people is to deny our own faith. It is to admit that the democratic way of life is incapable of overcoming and obliterating the poisonous doctrines of the Nazis. Yet there is no foundation for this defeatist attitude, for it has been clearly shown, over and over again, that even Communists can be converted from their no-less-soul-destroying doctrines.

In England today some of the most-admired political and literary figures were once members of the Communist party, or at least enthusiastic fellow-travellers. John Strachey, once a vociferous Communist, is now Britain's Minister of Food, and has complete control of the British people's rations. Mr. Strachey is a much-respected figure in England today, and no one would dream of holding his previous allegiance against him. The same attitude applies outside the field of politics. Two of Britain's best-selling authors, Arthur Koestler and George Orwell, were both at one time wedded to the edicts and opinions of Moscow. But no one refrains from reading their books on that score. Furthermore, the Roman Catholic Church is always ready and willing to receive redeemed Communists into the fold. Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the "Daily Worker," is now a good Catholic, with his past errors forgiven and forgotten.

The attitude of the British and American authorities toward many millions of Germans is at once short-sighted, illiberal, prejudiced and defeatist. We are admitting that Hitler's influence has been too strong for us, and that our own example is insufficiently compelling to guide the German people into the paths of civilized conduct. By banishing some four million or five million Germans from all forms of public office, we are throwing away our chance of establishing a democratic regime in that country. If Communists are redeemable, then so are Nazis. But until we give the Germans a chance to practice democratic principles for themselves there can be little hope of genuine conversion.

MOLOTOV BACK

London, Dec. 21.
M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived in Moscow today, Moscow radio reported - Reuter.

How England Works Rent Control

The tremendous shortage of housing in Britain, and the advent to power of the Labour Government, have combined to produce one of the most remarkable measures of social legislation England has ever known - the Furnished Rent Control Act.

Though this Act cuts down across many of the "rights" of private property and to some extent even threatens the old cry of the Englishman "my house is my castle," it has been received with warm approval by the mass of the people - even the Conservative Opposition has not attempted seriously to criticise it.

Under the authority of the Act, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Health Minister, has set up all over England rent tribunals which have the power to approve, increase or decrease the rents being charged by landlords for furnished premises.

Unscrupulous Landlords

The necessity for some control over rents of furnished properties became increasingly obvious towards the end of the war. Unscrupulous landlords were making fortunes by charging fantastic rents for garrets which previously had been lumber rooms, merely by providing a few sticks of furniture and calling them furnished lodgings.

The owner of a house could rent off two-thirds of the premises in furnished lodgings, and charge for one single room many times the rent he paid for the whole house. One case is on record where the owner of a house was paying a rent of 14 shillings a week for the whole property, while he sublet two rooms, as furnished lodgings and was drawing from them a total of £11 a week.

The Rent Tribunal

The scandal was worst in the great cities, and particularly in bomb-battered London. It was the capital that in June the first rent tribunal was appointed and set to work.

Each tribunal consists of three members and a clerk. One of the three members is appointed Chairman. Often, but not invariably, he is a barrister or solicitor, and there is no lay against women.

The clerk is the only full-time salaried member of the tribunal.

He is the recorder of its activities and can be called upon to advise the members. The Chairman is paid £212.6d. for each period of work of an hour and a half and for shorter periods he is paid two guineas. The members are paid £110.6d. and one guinea for similar periods.

The tribunal is allotted a housing area in which to work, based on the area controlled by one or more local municipalities or local Government areas. They sit in public, notice of the date, time and place at which they are to sit being given in the local press and on local notice boards.

Any tenant of furnished lodgings who considers the landlord is overcharging can appear before them and state his case.

The landlord has the same right. Both parties can be legally represented if they wish. The tribunal can, almost invariably, inspect the premises - and having heard all the evidence, they announce what they consider to be a fair rent.

£100 Fine Or Prison Term

The rent so fixed is registered by the local Government authority and cannot be varied except by consent of the tribunal. The landlord who tries to vary it can be fined £100 or sent to prison for six months or both. Any excess of rent paid goes back to the tenant.

When the first tribunal began its work in London in June, the effect of the public hearing of its proceedings was immediate.

Within a few weeks, experts estimated that rents of furnished lodgings in London decreased by 50 per cent. below the levels established when the rent racketeers were making the best of war conditions between 1943 and 1946.

Some amazing scandals were revealed. Rents were cut remorselessly by the tribunal. The public took heart and began to make use of this new procedure.

More tribunals were set up by the Minister of Health in the provinces as well as in London.

Board And Lodgings

Another recent decision by the Minister has extended the power of the tribunals to a new sphere - that of "board residence" lodgings where the tenant is supplied with food as well as accommodation. It has been decided that where the cost of food supplied is reckoned at 20 per cent. of the total rent, the tribunal can operate.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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HEART OF THE SQUEEZE

Every squeeze play involves several indispensable components. First is the card on which a victim has to discard. Second - and this is the heart of the squeeze - there is a suit in which the squeeze has an entry from his own hand into the opposite holding. Third, there are cards in at least two suits which are not winners before the squeezing card is led, but which will become winners if a victimized opponent is obliged to discard in their suits.

S A B
H J 4 3
D A Q 7 6
C K 9 8 7 4

S 9
H 7 6 5
D J 9 8 2
C A 10 8 7 6

S K Q J 6 2
H A K 10 8 2
D 6 4 3
C None

(Dealer: South. North-South vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
1S	Pass	2D	Pass
2H	Pass	3C	Pass
3H	Pass	4H	Pass
6H			

That was extremely conservative bidding by South, who might well have bid 4-Hearts instead of three on his third turn. But he was not especially confident of his own playing ability, and demonstrated sound grounds for his fears by failing to make the extra trick, which he should have after West led the club A.

South ruffed that, scored the heart A, K and J, the spade A, K, Q and J, the diamond A, the club K and Q, then ruffed the

club 5 with his last trump and finally gave up the spade 6 to the 10.

By changing the order of events, to save the diamond play for late in the hand as an entry to dummy, he would have taken no additional risk and would have been following the formula for a squeeze position. And it would have worked. All that he had to do, after ruffing the club A and taking three top hearts, was to ruff in the dummy's two high clubs while in the dummy, run his four top spades and then, to the 11th trick, lay down the last heart.

At that stage, he should have saved the diamond A-Q in dummy, plus a club, while he himself had the spade 6, heart 8 and diamond 6. The heart lead then would have put the play on East, who could not have kept his high spade and his two diamonds. Which ever he discarded would have built the winning trick for South.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K Q J 9 3
H K Q 5
D K Q 7
C A 8

S 7 6 4 2
H 9 8 2
D 8 7
C J 10 7 5 3

S 10
H A J 10 7 4
D J 8 6
C K 9 4 2

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)

Why should normal bidding of this deal enable South to foresee the risk of defensive ruffs in diamonds if he tries for a heart game?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



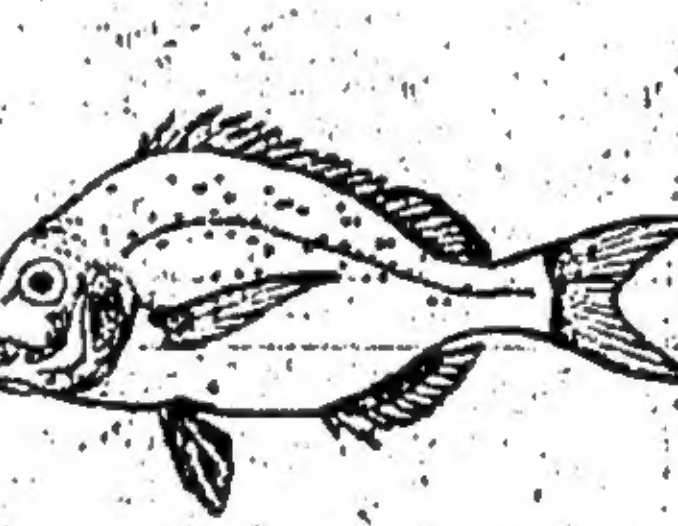
"I understand he stole a bone from the warden's pup."

Lesser-Known Fish Of Hong Kong

This is the second monthly article contributed by the Government Fisheries Department for the purpose of giving the public helpful information about the lesser-known fresh and salt water fish caught in the Colony's waters.

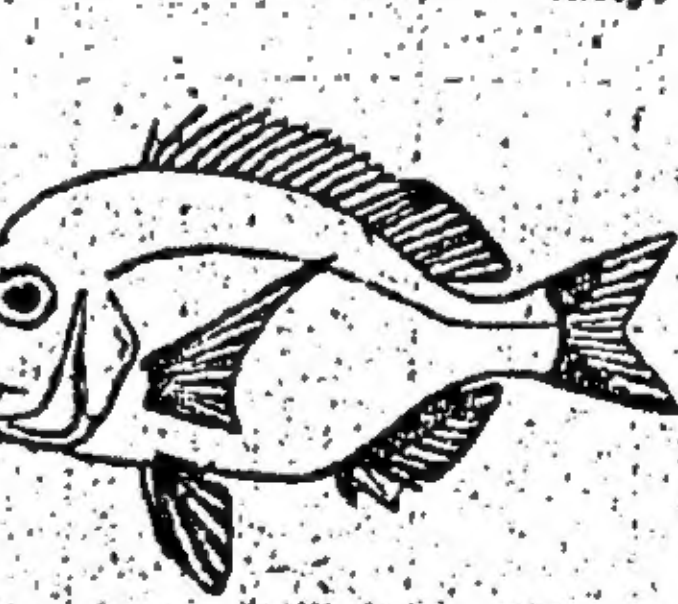
During November, an attempt was made to introduce the more common of the local fish to the foreign residents. The Yellow Croaker (Wong Tai) is still in season and should be available at very reasonable prices for the next three or four weeks.

This month five little-known types of fish have been selected for brief mention, they are the Red Pargo, Red Sea Bream, Ginkgo, Large Scaled Tongue Sole, and the Hair Tail. Do not be put off by their queer sounding names or appearances as they are all good eating and, what is more to the point, comparatively cheap. All are obtainable throughout the year, but the Hair Tail and Ginkgo are particularly plentiful at this time.



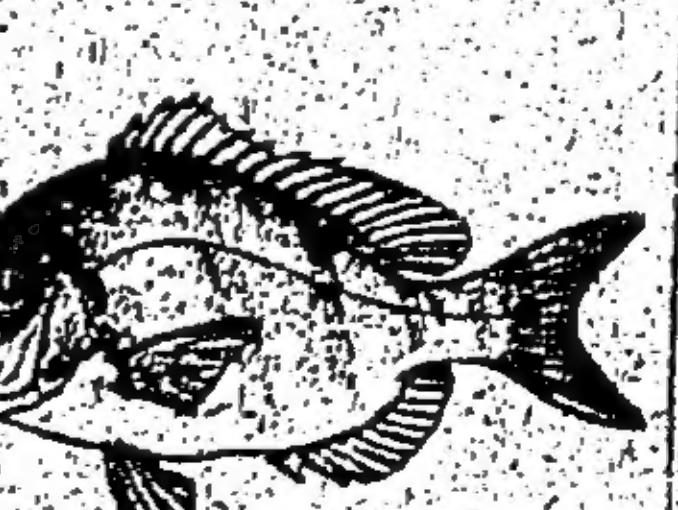
1. Red Pargo (T'sai Sing Lap).

A good food fish that grows to the size of 2 feet, but is commonly available at 1 foot to eighteen inches. It has a silvery body tinged pink with small pale blue iridescent spots scattered on the upper half. It is very popular with the Japanese who prefer to eat it raw, but to the occidental taste it is better steamed or fried. Average price in November \$1 a catty.



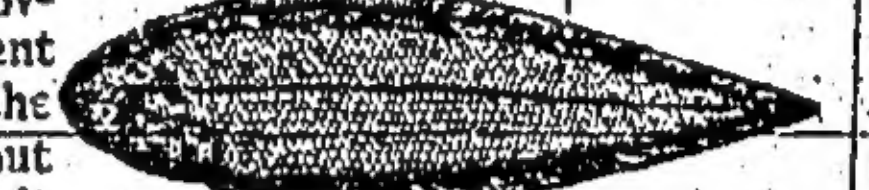
2. Red Sea Bream (Poh Lap).

Somewhat like the Red Pargo, but it is smaller and has a bright red body. Although not as good eating as the Snapper, it is a fine substitute. It is found to its best advantage when fried. Average Price in November \$1.30 a catty.



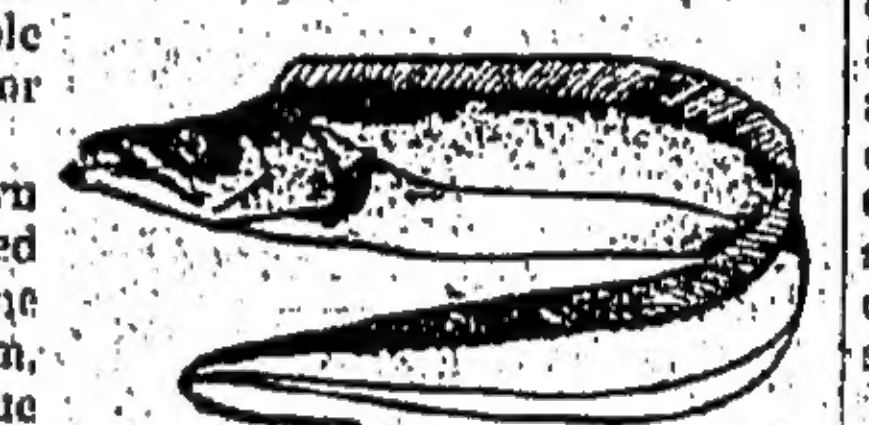
3. Ginkgo Fish (Pauk Kwoh).

Despite its name, this is a good food fish with firm white flesh. Grey and oval-shaped, the Ginkgo is easily distinguished by three narrow horizontal iridescent violet blue bars on the head in front of and below the eye. Fry or bake. Average price in November \$2.10.



4. Large Scaled Tongue Sole (T'so Lun Tat Sal).

Although not as good as the Macao Sole, it compares favourably with those found in European waters and is good eating. Fry or steam. Average price in November \$1.40.



5. Hair Tail (T'ai Yue).

This very long ribbon-like fish is very popular with the Chinese. It grows to a length of 5 feet but the more common size is from 2 to 3 feet. Those over three feet are excellent eating, but the smaller ones are very bony. Average price in November \$1.00.

KILTS ON THE WAY OUT

Ottawa, Dec. 22.
Canadian Army kilts, whose wearers the Germans of the first World War called "ladies from hell," appeared to be on their way out.

Defence Headquarters said that kilts would be supplied only to bandmen of killed regiments. However, others of the regiments desiring kilts for walking out and for ceremonial occasions such as church parades and Remembrance Day services may buy them at their own expense - Associated Press.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such members to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON EACH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 28211).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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ATTEMPT ON EVEREST

British Plans For Expedition

Commando Methods To Be Used

Sydney, Dec. 22. A new attempt on Mount Everest by the best-equipped expedition ever organised is planned by a British party. Group-Capt. A. F. Bandit, an Australian in the R.A.F., but now attached to the Miles Aircraft Company, of Woodley, is hoping to organise the expedition with Capt. Ross, a 22-year-old doctor in the R.A.M.C.

"We have to get permission," Group-Capt. Bandit said, "and I do not suppose we shall be able to do anything until about 1949."

"There have been many failures, but I am determined that Britain which has been so near success, shall not be beaten, and I am afraid of the Americans getting in front of us unless we do something soon. It is a costly business, but a Scotsman, whose name I am not allowed to give, is providing the money."

"We are fairly confident of success this time because we shall have the advantage of all the methods and equipment that have been perfected during the war."

Commando Lessons

"The Commandos, the Air Rescue parties that had to get to inaccessible places in the mountains, the parachutists and other special Air Force units, have made tremendous progress. We shall carry oxygen equipment."

"Oxygen has been taken before but the equipment was heavy and not modern. We are taking a modern apparatus and the kit I have in mind is German."

"An instance of how we shall be helped this time by what we did in the war is the way in which the Commandos surmounted cliffs on active service. They were able to use methods which got them over these obstacles. Then we have self-heating food and very special climbing suits, and things of that sort."

HOW ENGLAND WORKS RENT CONTROL

(Continued from Page 4) One effect of this is that landlords in holiday resorts will have to watch their step, especially as local authorities in the seaside resorts are asking for tribunals to be set up in their areas. The "fleeing" of holiday makers, which won many seaside towns a bad reputation, may thus be ended in time for the next summer season.

So far 44 rent tribunals have been set up in England and Wales.

It is planned to set up another 28 so that the whole country will be covered. Up to the end of October 2,000 cases had been called for hearing before those already in existence, though only 743 of them were actually heard. In the remainder the landlords and tenants came to a new arrangement before the hearing.

In the 743 cases heard, a reduction of rents was ordered in 615—about 80 per cent.

The tribunals do not always order reductions. In one case, they actually ordered the rent to be increased.

Now, a number of Socialist members of Parliament want the system to be extended.

They have suggested to the Minister of Health that he should set up tribunals to fix the price of private houses offered for sale. These prices have rocketed since the war, and huge profits, it is alleged, are being made by speculators.

The Minister has not made up his mind about the proposed new tribunals. But the rent

Spanish Guerillas On Trial

Madrid, Dec. 21. The Public Prosecutor demanded the death sentence here today when the trial opened in public of three alleged leaders of the guerrilla forces in Spain—Jose Antonio Alami, Jose Olazola and Manuel Quesada.

British, American and French diplomats were among more than one hundred members of the public who attended the trial.

The prosecutor also asked for a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment against Alami, Quesada and twelve years each against three farmers accused of sheltering the guerrilla leaders.

The prosecution alleged that the leader Olazola commanded a guerrilla force in central Spain, but the defence contended that although he had political leadership, he was removed from his post by the Communist Party owing to alleged incompetence.

Alami declared he was a Cuban and was only the political propagandist for the Cretos region of Madrid.

Bueno, who was a State engine-driver, was alleged to have transported guerrillas on an engine. He claimed he did not know the character of the persons he was helping.

Between April and October, the prosecution alleged, the Amados guerrillas committed 48 acts of violence, including many murders.—Reuter.

Not Our Business, Poles Say

Warsaw, Dec. 20. (Delayed).

The Polish Government today handed the British Ambassador a note crisply rejecting Britain's expression of anxiety over the Jan. 19 elections and counter-claiming that Britain had violated her obligations to Poland assumed at Yalta and Potsdam.

The United States has made a similar expression of anxiety to the Polish Government and a Foreign Ministry spokesman said a reply was "under preparation."

Replying to the British request for assurance of a free and unfettered election, the Polish note said it was not within the province of Britain to remind Poland of her obligations or to attempt to impose British "opinions or directives" as to how the elections should be held.—Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 21. The Soviet News Bureau today reported that M. V. Molotov, Russian Foreign Minister, conferred with Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Russian Military Governor of Germany, in Berlin. Molotov stopped here en route for Moscow from New York.—United Press.

tribunals have come to stay. They are arranging meetings to codify the law under which they operate, to exchange experiences and to set standards throughout the country.

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Denver, Dec. 21. Sixty-three per cent of the people of the United States expect their country to fight in another war within 25 years, the National Opinion Research Centre (Public Opinion Survey Group of Colorado University) reported today.

One-third of the people expected a war involving the United States and Britain in five years, the report added.—Reuter.

"NO HATRED" POLICY

Frankfurt, Dec. 21. "Christmas will strengthen the collaboration between the American Army and Germany youth," according to General Joseph McNarney, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Occupation forces in Germany.

A policy of "no hatred" was producing good results, he added. United States soldiers were carefully watched and if unsuitable were sent home. During November, 45,000 U.S. soldiers and many thousands of Allied civilians had voluntarily taken part in youth and educational work. There were now 7,183 youth organisations in the U.S. zone, double the former figures.—Reuter.

Outspoken Red Attack On Turkish Policy

Moscow, Dec. 22. Pravda today accused Turkish leaders of following risky anti-democratic policies based on "a myth" of outside dangers invented by foreign imperialists and militarists.

The "most lengthy and outspoken commentary published in Russia about Turkey in a long time said this militaristic policy was connected with increased interest of Turkish leaders in organizing "a bloc of Arabic countries with non-Arabic Turkey at the head of it."

(This was the first Russian reaction to Turkey's suppression of pro-Soviet publications and organizations in the Bulgarian border and Dardanelles areas where the military carried out extensive arrests this week, padlocked eight Leftist publications, outlawed two

BIRTH-RATE WORRIES

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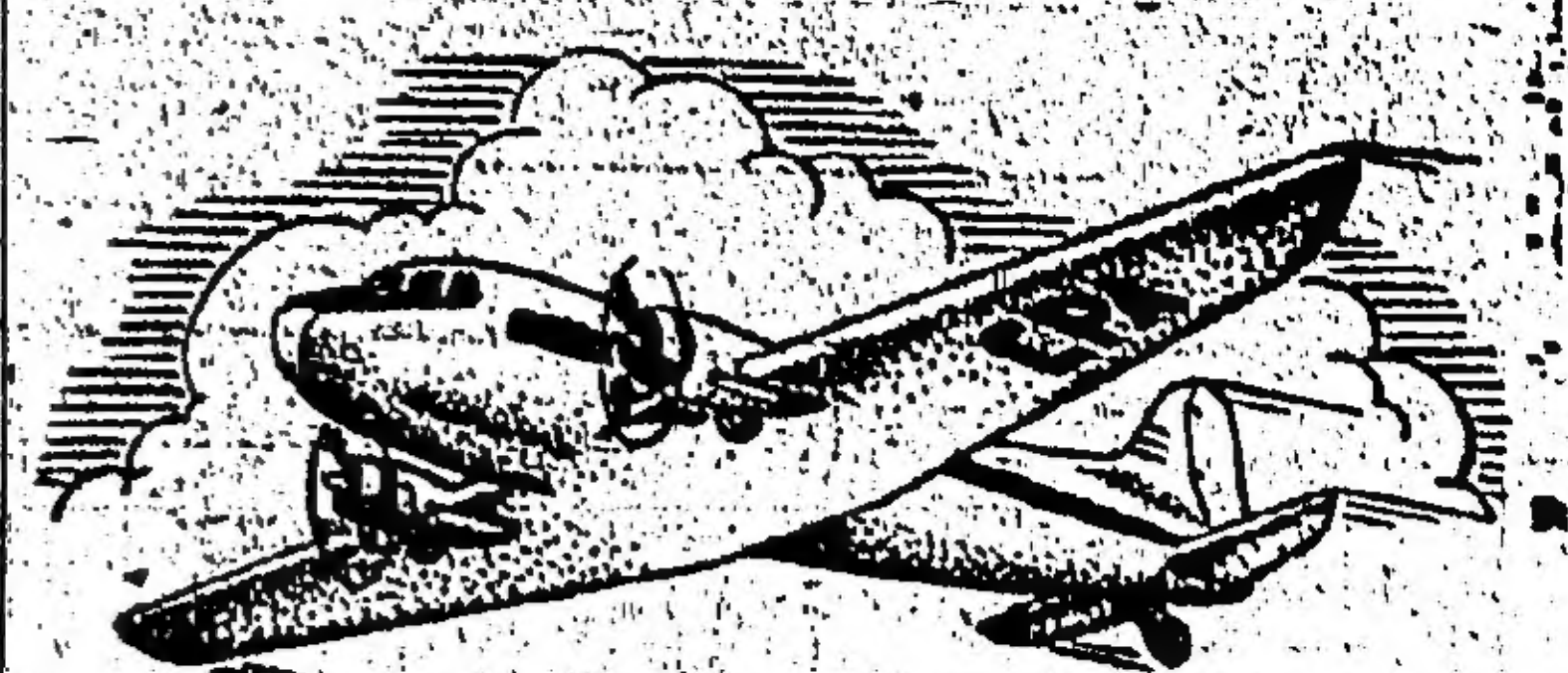
threatened with progressive depopulation, the peoples of the East, provided their standard of living improves, can be expected to increase their numerical superiority to a point where all the technical knowledge in the world will succumb before their weight of numbers.

Medical science is making great strides in the reduction of infant mortality in civilized countries. But this is not enough. New Zealand, which before the war had the lowest rate of infant mortality in the world, has also the highest rate of lunacy. There comes a point where science can do no more than save the lives of defective humans, who would in all probability be better dead. The problem is not so immediately urgent as that of the atom bomb, or the bleak prospects of the General Assembly of the United Nations. None the less, it is one which the countries of the Western world would do well to consider, and to which they should strive to discover some solution.

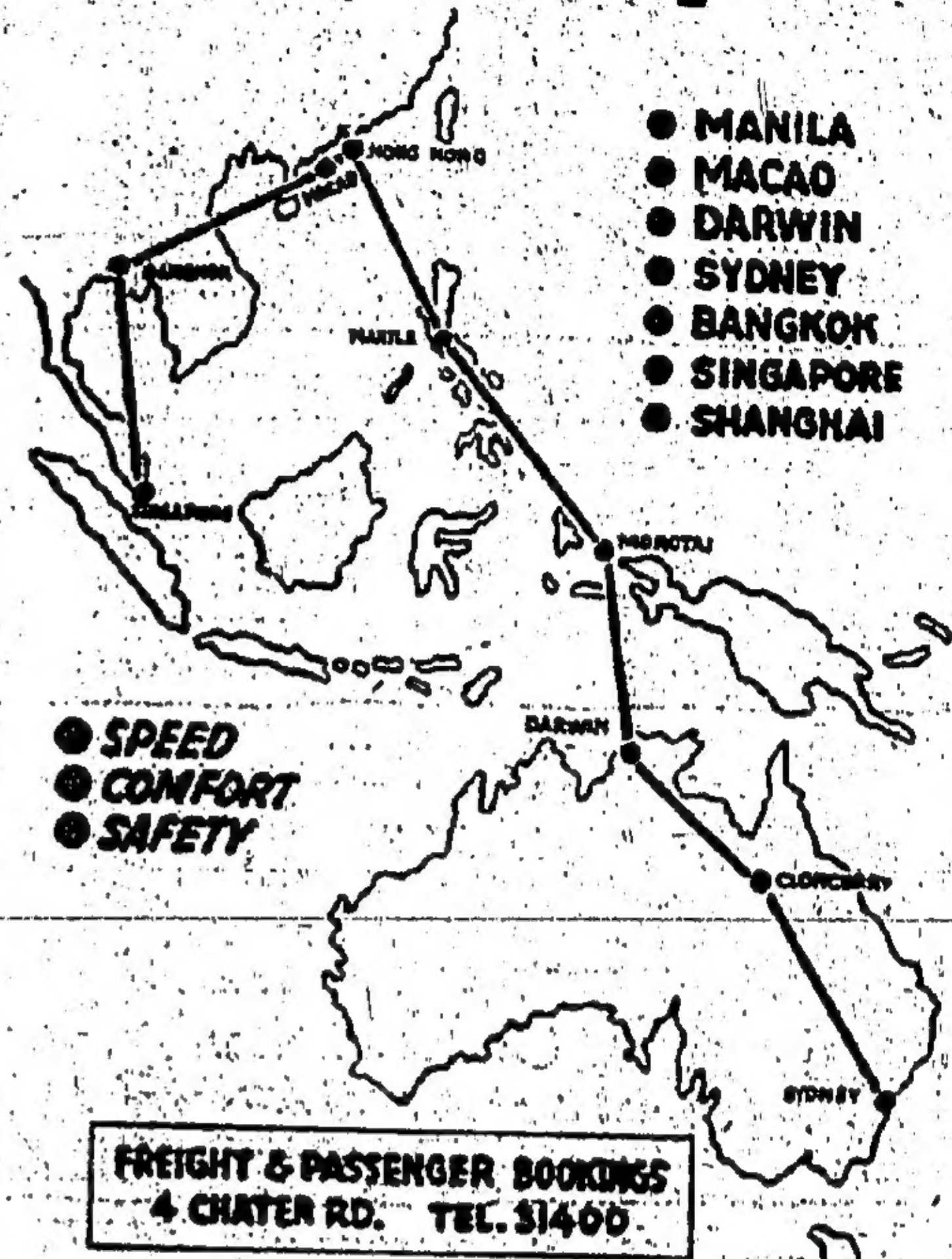
Test For Labour Rebels

London, Dec. 21. Parliament's two-day foreign affairs debate—expected towards the end of January with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as the leading speaker—will test the quality of the recent Labour Party revolt in which 100 Government supporters abstained from a vote of confidence on foreign policy.

An inquest on the revolt held within the ranks of the Parliamentary Labour party afterwards suggested that the rebellion, while dormant, was still alive though it may be that some of the ring-leaders have been a little shaken by their own audacity. Political quarters are awaiting with interest the effect on the situation of Mr. Bevin's return. It is no secret that the Foreign Secretary, whom many consider has added to his stature immeasurably through the successful United Nations meeting in the United States, reacted sternly to the conviction within the party at a moment when the Cabinet desire his work in America to have the maximum authority behind it.—Reuter.



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CASC GO TO PIECES, LOSE 5-1

After putting up a spirited display in the first half of their match against Sing Tao in the Senior Division on the Club ground yesterday afternoon, C.A.S.C. went to pieces in the second half and eventually lost by 5 goals to 1.

The whole C.A.S.C. team played inspired football in the first half and with a little more luck, might well have been in the lead at half time.

Their defence was in deadly form and played with determination. Although the Sing Tao forwards tried every trick they knew, they always found themselves up against a stone wall and it was not until late in the first half that they were able to make any impression on the rock like defence put up by the C.A.S.C. defenders.

Yu Kai-yau played a sterling game between the posts and saved many "certainties". Lee Kwok-wai and Ho Kar-keung were a pair of dour defenders. Lee, in particular, was outstanding and never allowed himself to be perturbed in any way by the onslaughts of the enterprising Sing Tao forwards. During the first half, the C.A.S.C. intermediate line had the measure of the Sing Tao forwards and were always able to intercept the well-placed passes of Fung King-cheung and to battle up the Sing Tao wingers.

Led by Lo Wah-sing, the C.A.S.C. forwards also proved a very snappy combination until Chin Chi-fai became a passenger in consequence of injuries received towards the latter part of the first half.

Sing Tao were definitely worried by the pace set by the C.A.S.C. and took some time to settle down. The defence did not play true to form. Even Hau Yung-sang appeared to be wild in his kicking and was on more than one occasion manoeuvred out of position.

Both Hui Keng-sing and Fung Kwan-sing were inclined to use their weight unnecessarily. The forwards played their usual systematic game. Fung King-cheung proved to be brains of the attack and was always scheming for openings. Fung King-cheung was successful in the call of the coin and decided to put C.A.S.C. against the sun. Gaining possession from the kick-off, Sing Tao swept down the field in a business-like manner, but the C.A.S.C. defence was equal to the occasion and smothered the Sing Tao attack. The ball swung from end to end at a cracking pace and excitement ran high as both sets of forwards attacked in turn. Yu Kai-yau was a tower of strength in goal and repeatedly saved almost certain goals.

Following a neat bout of passing, the Sing Tao forwards managed to draw the C.A.S.C. defence out of position and Fung King-cheung opened the scoring with a hard drive which struck the lower

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

First Division	Score
Sing Tao 5	C.A.S.C. 1
Eastern 4	St. Joseph's 4
44 R.M. Commando 4	Kwong Wah 4
Second Division	Score
Sing Tao 10	South China 1
Nathan 10	Police 4
3 Cdo. Bde. H.Q. 4	Police 1

League Tables

First Division	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	11	10	0	1	28	11	20
Sing Tao	10	8	0	2	24	11	18
44 R.M. Commando	8	4	1	3	17	7	9
Police	10	0	2	8	17	17	2
C.A.S.C.	11	5	2	4	20	27	12
R. Navy	10	5	0	5	27	30	10
St. Joseph's	10	4	1	5	27	37	9
K.A.F.	10	4	0	6	21	30	8
Nathan	10	3	1	6	22	34	7
Kwong Wah	10	2	1	7	23	44	5
H.K. Club	10	1	1	8	17	42	3
44 R.M. Commando	11	1	1	9	11	40	3

was always caught up by an opponent.

Sing Tao opened the scoring five minutes after the start through Lai Chung-yin and before half time another goal was added by Tam Woon-cheung.

In the second half, South China were completely out of the picture and Sing Tao increased their lead through Lai Chung-yin (2), Tam Woon-cheung (1), and Lin Tin-kee (1). South China's one and only goal was scored by Yam Chan-kuen.

Teams: Sing Tao:—Yu Ju-tak, Chang Ying-kuen, Mak Kam-chung, Tang Sum, Shin Yau-sang, Tam Chun-fai, Lai Chung-yin, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Tang Yee-Kit and Li Tin-kee.

South China:—Cheung Chui-kun, Yuen Pui-kwan, Tsang Man-keung, Li Shei-ching, Cheong Se-lin, Lam King-wai, Chan Ping-to, Su Nao-yin, Tam Chan-kuen, Tang Tsong, Tsan Kam-chuen.

Police v. 3 Cdo. Bde. After leading 2-0 at half-time, Police went down 4-2 to 3 Cdo. Bde. H.Q. at Chatham Road yesterday in a game that became fairly rough in the second half.

Police scored through Gomes and Lau Pak-hong in the first half when they also had most of the game. Brigade H.Q. went on a scoring spree in the last 20 minutes after McKay netted from a penalty.

Gilman (2) and Dyball netted the other goals for the winners with all due respect for the fact that few referees' decisions in local football are seldom taken ungrudgingly, the refereeing at Chatham Road was very much on the poor side yesterday.

Teams: 3 Cdo. Bde. H.Q.:—Sama, Brion, Cousins, Smilie, Clacton, Butlin, Gilman, McKay, McElhone, Dyball and Hobster. Police:—Ross, Wing Fan, Lau Pak-hung, Castilho, Colaco, Wong Fung, A.N. Other, Gomes, Mak Fan, Ferrier and Wong Hung.

Fastball

A fine last inning effort gave the St. Joseph's first victory in the best fast ball game of yesterday's encounters. The Giants led by five to one at the sixth when the Saints scored five to win.

Another closely contested game was that between Ramlings Rees and Hotshots, which resulted in the former winning by the odd run in five. Rovers scored a runaway win over the Canadian Chinese by ten runs to one. The game between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and Chung Wah did not come off, the latter again failing to show up. Chung Wah is expected to withdraw from the League.

Playing steady ball, the Giants took a comfortable lead of four runs in the sixth inning. But the Saints' timely hits a couple of walks and Giant errors caused a most unexpected reverse of the score. They scored five and the Giants failed to reply, to lose a game which once was in their pocket. Week-end stars were: Rovers' Jack Brown, slashed out four hits out of four times

Home Football Results

London, Dec. 21. The following are the results of Football matches played today:—

First Division	Score
Bolton 0	Sunderland 1
Charlton 0	Blackpool 0
Chelsea 0	1 Wolves
Grimsby 0	Arsenal 1
Leeds 1	Derby 4
Liverpool 4	Villa 1
Manchester U. 2	Portsmouth 0
Middlesboro 2	Brentford 2
Preston 2	Everton 0
Sheffield U. 2	Huddersfield 2
Stoke 0	Blackburn 0

* Match postponed.

Second Division	Score
Barnley 1	West Ham 2
Birmingham 6	Plymouth 1
Burnley 0	Manchester C. 0
Coventry 0	Luton 0
Newcastle 2	Chertseyfield 0
Newport 4	Wednesday 3
Notts F. 2	Bury 1
Southampton 1	Fulham 1
Swansea 3	Millwall 1
Spurs 3	Bradford 3
West Brom. 4	Leicester 2

* Match abandoned.

* Match postponed.

Third Division South	Score
Bristol R. 0	Port Vale 0
Palace 0	Aldershot 0
Ipswich Town 0	Cardiff 0
Orient 0	Bournemouth 0
Sheff. Wed. 1	Exeter 1
Reading 3	Swindon 3
Southend 0	Northampton 0
Torquay 3	Bristol C. 3
Walsall 2	Notts Co. 2
Watford 4	Norwich 4

* Match abandoned.

Third Division North	Score
Accrington 0	Hull 0
Barrow 1	Grimsby 1
Bradford C. 1	Hartlepool 1
Carlisle 1	Darlington 1
Doncaster 1	Rotherham 1
Halifax 1	Tranmere 1
New Brighton 0	York 0
Oldham 3	Crews 2
Rochdale 2	Chester 2
Sheff. Wed. 3	Lincoln 3
Wrexham 1	Southport 1

* Match postponed.

Scottish "A" Division	Score
Aberdeen 3	Motherwell 1
Clyde 2	Hibernian 1
Hamilton 2	Kilmarnock 2
Hearts 2	Celtic 2
Morton 2	3rd Lanark 0
Queen's Park 2	Partick 2
Queen of S. 3	St. Mirren 3
Rangers 2	Falkirk 2

* Match postponed.

Scottish "B" Division	Score
Albion 1	Alloa 6
Ayr 2	Airdrie 6
Dundee 2	East Fife 0
Dunfermline 4	Dundee U. 0
Raith 1	Arbroath 0
Stenmuir 1	Cowdenbeath 2
St. Johnstone 5	Dumfries 2

* Match postponed.

FRIENDLY CRICKET

At King's Park yesterday, Navy drew with Dockyard Recreation Club in a friendly cricket game.

Navy	Score
Cole, b. Adams	20
Hurst, b. Adams	10
Thackara, c. Young, b. Matthews	23
Johnson, c. and b. Stevens	42
Vanley, c. White, b. Matthews	23
Hopwood, not out	20
Neales, b. Stevens	11
Foster, not out	12
Extras	9

Total (for 6 wkts.) 161

Davis, Shearman and Blount did not bat.

Bowling:—Matthews 2 for 31.

H.M. Dockyard

Trueman, c. Johnson, b. Davis

Lapper, c. Cole, b. Davis

White, b. Vanley

Stevens, c. and b. Davis

Willis, not out

Adams, b. Vanley

Young, c. Neales, b. Vanley

Coker, not out

Extras

Total (for 6 wkts.) 58

Trant, Collins and Matthews did not bat.

Bowling:—Vanley 3 for 15 and Davis 3 for 20.

Fielding gem for the Canadian Chinese: Bill Woo had eight put outs and two assists with not a single bobbie. Giants' Pacheco-Baptista slammed two three-baggers in his two-times at bat, and A. H. Bakat registered a homer. Giants' Charlie Quinn shone at outfield, bringing off four catches.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolves	21	14	5	53	28	56
Liverpool	20	12	4	43	20	52
Middlesboro	19	12	5	41	23	52
Stoke City	20	11	5	45	20	52
Blackpool	21	12	1	38	20	52
Preston N.E.	19	10	4	40	24	52
Manchester U.	19	9	5	34	24	52
Sheff. Wed.	19	9	5	46	35	52
Acton Villa	20	9	4	31	23	52
Swansea	20	9	3	33	21	52
Chelsea	20	7	4	28	18	52
Grimsby	19	7	4	28	18	52
Blackburn	19	7	4	31	21	52
Derby County	19	7	2	26	17	52
Bolton W.	20	6	0	30	18	52
Fulham	19	6	1	24	17	52
Everton	20	6	1	23	16	52
Arsenal	19	5	4	11	28	42
Brentford	20	5	4	11	28	42
Leeds	20	5	3	12	24	42
Portsmouth	20	5	2	10	25	42
Huddersfield	20	5	2	18	20	42

Second Division

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newcastle U.	20	11	5	34	23	29
Birmingham	21	12	2	27	17	29
Burnley	20	9	0	27	17	29
Manchester C.	19	10	0	30	17	29
Chertseyfield	19	7	4	24	15	25
Spurs	20	9	7	44	24	25
Leicester	20	9	5	38	34	21
Plymouth	20	8	5	34	34	21
West Brom.	20	8	3	34	34	21
Exeter City	19	8	1	24	17	21
Barnley	21	8	4	31	46	20
Luton Town	20	8	3	35	33	20
Coventry	20	8	5	23	27	19
Bradford	19	6	6	29	18	19
Nottingham	19	6	6	29	18	19
Notts Forest	18	6	4	20	15	18
Swansea	19	6	4	20	15	18
West Ham U.	18	6	2	10	17	18
Milton Keynes	19	6	1	24	15	18
Bury	20	6	2	28	17	18
Wendesday	20	4	8	11	32	15
Newport	20	4	14	20	68	0

Third Division North

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff City	19	15	2	47	14	31
Q.P. Rangers	19	14	2	39	19	31
Bristol City	19	11	3	43	27	25
Southend	19	10	6	36	24	25
Bournemouth	18	9	2	29	22	20
Exeter City	18	8	4	27	32	20
Reading	18	8	6	31	27	20
Walsall	18	7	6	27	23	19
Brighton-Hove	19	7	7	27	23	19
Watford	19	8	2	21	14	18
Swindon Town	19	8	1	24	15	18
Torquay U.	17	6	6	27	23	18
Ipswich Town	17	6	5	24	17	17
Manchester U.	20	6	5	24	17	17
Northampton	17	5	5	22	16	17
Port Vale	18	6	4	25	20	16
Alloahot	18	6	2	10	20	14
Notts C.	18	6	1	11	20	14
Oxford	18	5	4	11	20	14
Norwich C.	18	4	12	10	61	10
Bristol R.	18	3	13	20	61	10

Third Division South

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Doncaster R.	19	14	2	14	23	31
Chertsey	19	14	2	30	20	30
Q.P. Rangers	19	14	2	30	20	30
Wrexham	19	8	6	28	28	24
Bradford C.	19	8	4	29	28	24
Stockport	17	9	2	22	20	20
Carlisle U.	17	7	5	33	27	19
Carlisle	17	7	5	33	27	19
Oldham A.	18	7	4	27	22	18
Crews A.	18	7	3	27	17	17
Barrow	18	6	5	21	23	17
Morton	18	6	5	23	23	17
Lincoln C.	17	7	2	28	16	16
York City	18	4	6	29	32	16
Tranmere R.	18	7	2	20	18	16
Heath Town	17	5	7	28	25	16
Darlington	18	5	8	22	31	15
Halifax T.	18	4	10	20	32	12
Gateshead	17	5	2	10	23	12
Accrington	18	5	2	11	21	12
Blackburn	18	4	8	24	37	12
Southport	18	2	11	22	42	10

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

"A" Division

"A" Division						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Rangers	10	15	2	34	15	30
Hibernian	10	12	2	30	15	26
Aberdeen	10	10	4	22	1	
Hearts	10	8	4	14	26	23
Morton	10	8	8	5	33	25
Arbroath	10	7	3	5	29	23
Queen's Pk.	10	7	3	5	29	23
Patrick Th.	10	8	1	5	38	28
Motherwell	10	6	1	0	32	38
Third Lanark	10	6	1	8	30	33
Greenock	10	6	1	0	29	30.
Queen's Park	10	5	3	0	25	40
Falkirk	10	4	2	0	30	23
St. Mirren	10	4	2	10	26	38
Glasgow R.	10	3	3	2	30	30
Falkirk	10	3	3	11	22	40

"B" Division						
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.
Partick	10	15	2	34	15	30
St. Johnstone	10	12	2	30	15	26
St.irling	10	10	4	22	1	
Stirling	10	8	4	14	26	23
Stirling	10	8	8	5	33	25
Stirling	10	7	3	5	29	23
Stirling	10	7	3	5	29	23
Stirling	10	8	1	5	38	28
Stirling	10	6	1	0	32	38
Stirling	10	6	1	8	30	33
Stirling	10	6	1	0	29	30.
Stirling	10	5	3	0	25	40
Stirling	10	4	2	0	30	23
Stirling	10	4	2	10	26	38
Stirling	10	3	3	2	30	30
Stirling	10	3	3	11	22	40